

1 Details of Community Participation Body

Name of Your Community Body: Plockton & District Community Council
Contact Name:
Contact address:
Contact Telephone number:
Contact Email:
Website (if available):

Please ensure that you include a copy of your written constitution or governance documentation if available.

2 Name of the public service authority to which the request is being made: (Note 1)

The Highland Council

3 Name of any other public service authority which the community participation body requests should participate in the outcome improvement process: (Note 2)

None

4 The outcome that your community participation body want to improve (Note 3)

Outcome: Effective traffic management and car parking in Plockton and Duirinish We wish to engage with Highland Council with a view to improved management of vehicular traffic and car parking in Plockton, and traffic calming measures in Duirinish. Traffic management in Plockton has been a long-standing issue, particularly in the busy tourist season. Indeed, this was the dominant theme in our community consultation exercise, 'Plockton - The Road Ahead', in 2017. Gridlock along Harbour Street is a common occurrence
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and as this is the only route to access the majority of homes and properties, it presents a risk with respect to access for emergency vehicles in addition to a regular inconvenience for residents and local businesses.

We are concerned that proposals to introduce car parking charges in the Council's car park will only exacerbate this existing issue if this is not considered in the round, through a traffic management plan. There is no permit parking or other form of parking restriction in the village. If charges are introduced in the car park a direct consequence will be increased vehicle pressure in other parts of the village.

Residents in Duirinish are concerned about the speed of traffic through the village. We would wish to explore this matter also.

We favour a exploring a community-led solution and wish to engage with Highland Council to develop and deliver an effective traffic management plan for both Plockton and Duirinish.

5 Please tell us the reasons why the community participation body should participate in an outcome improvement process: (Note 4)

The lack of an integrated traffic management plan is impacting on residents. As noted, we are concerned that proposals to introduce charges in the Plockton car park will exacerbate congestion as drivers will be more likely to favour parking in the streets than pay a charge.

Many Innes Street and Harbour Street residents park in the car park as they frequently cannot access a space near their homes (no off-street parking).

Many residential properties in Duirinish are located directly on the C1221. The increased volume of traffic in recent years has led to calls for the 30mph speed limit to be reduced to 20mph.

As our communities are directly impacted by these matters we feel the community is best placed to contribute to solutions.

6 Please note the knowledge, expertise and experience the community participation body has in relation to the outcome: (Note 5)

Local residents and businesses have the greatest understanding of these issues as they are experienced on a daily basis.

7 How will the outcome will be improved because of the involvement of your community participation body: (Note 6)

Community involvement in developing an improved outcome is much more likely to deliver a workable solution and will also achieve greater buy-in and co-operation from the communities concerned.

8 What type of community participation body are you? (Note 7)

- a) A community controlled body
- b) A community council
- c) A body designated by the Scottish Ministers as a community participation body
- d) A group without a written constitution

We are a community council. We are in the process of setting up a community controlled body (SCIO) with an area of benefit extending to our community council operating area.

9 Additional Information (Note 8)

Completed applications and documentation should be sent to:

The Policy Team,
The Chief Executive's Office,
Highland Council Headquarters,
Glenurquhart Road,
Inverness,
IV3 5NX
Tel No: 01463 702247
E-mail: participate@highland.gov.uk

NOTES

1. Specify the public service authority to who the request is being made. Please also include any additional public service authorities the community participation body believes should also participate in an outcome improvement process. The authorities to whom a request can be made are listed in Schedule 2 in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 these are:
 - A local authority
 - A health Board
 - The Board of management of a college of further education
 - Highlands and Islands Enterprise
 - A National Park Authority
 - Police Scotland
 - The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
 - Scottish Enterprise
 - The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
 - Scottish Natural Heritage
 - A regional Transport Partnership
2. Insert the name(s) of any other public service authority which the community participation body requests should participate in the outcome improvement process.
3. Specify an outcome that results from, or is contributed to by virtue of, the provision of a service provided to the public by or on behalf of the authority. An explanation of outcomes and examples can be found in section 3.44 below.
4. Set of the reasons why the community body believes it should participate in the outcome improvement process.
5. Provide details of any knowledge, expertise and experience the community body has in relation to the outcome specified under paragraph 3.
6. Provide an explanation of the improvement in the outcome specified under paragraph 3 which the community body anticipates may arise as a result of its participation in an outcome improvement process.
7. To make a participation request the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 provides that certain bodies can do so. The community participation body should provide the necessary information to the public service authority to show that they are a valid body who can make a participation request.
8. Any other information in support of the participation request can be included in this section or attached separately should the community body wish to do so. It may be helpful for the community participation body to outline if they have previously been in contact with the public service authority regarding the outcome. The community participation body may also want to provide information on any additional support they may require to be able to participate in an outcome improvement process.

